

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. Cancelled
2. (Currently Amended) The disc brake according to ~~claim 1~~ claim 17, wherein the detection device adopts the characteristic switching state when a force threshold determined by the elastic properties of the elastic element is reached.
3. (Currently Amended) The disc brake according to claim 2, wherein the force threshold lies below approximately 100 N.
4. Cancelled
5. (Currently Amended) The disc brake according to ~~claim 1~~ claim 17, wherein at least one of the brake shoes is accommodated in a cage, which is rigidly coupled to the actuator device, so as to be displaceable to a limited extent relative to the actuator device.
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9. (Currently Amended) The disc brake according to ~~claim 7~~ claim 17, wherein the first contact is coupled to the actuator device and the second contact is coupled to at least one of the brake shoes.
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17. (New) A disc brake comprising  
a brake disc;  
two brake shoes, which for generating a clamping force are pressable against  
opposite sides of the brake disc;  
an actuator device for actuating at least one of the brake shoes; and  
a detection device for detecting the coming-into-abutment of at least one of the  
brake shoes against the brake disc, wherein the detection device is designed as a  
switching device comprising at least one contact pair having a first contact and a  
second contact, which upon the coming-into-abutment of at least one of the brake  
shoes against the brake disc adopt a characteristic switching state relative to one  
another, and wherein the detection device includes an elastic element, the elastic  
properties of which oppose the adoption of the characteristic switching state, the  
elastic element being disposed functionally between the first contact and the second  
contact.

18. (New) A disc brake comprising  
a brake disc;  
two brake shoes, which for generating a clamping force are pressable against opposite sides of the brake disc;  
an actuator device for actuating at least one of the brake shoes; and  
a detection device for detecting the coming-into-abutment of at least one of the brake shoes against the brake disc, wherein the detection device, during the coming-into-abutment, adopts a characteristic state and includes an elastic element, the elastic properties of which oppose the adoption of the characteristic state;  
wherein at least one of the brake shoes is accommodated in a cage, which is rigidly coupled to the actuator device, so as to be displaceable to a limited extent relative to the actuator device.
19. (New) The disc brake according to claim 18,  
wherein the detection device adopts the characteristic state when a force threshold determined by the elastic properties of the elastic element is reached.
20. (New) The disc brake according to claim 18,  
wherein the force threshold lies below approximately 100 N.
21. (New) The disc according to claim 18,  
wherein the detection device is designed as a switching device.
22. (New) The disc brake according to claim 21,  
wherein the switching device comprises at least one contact pair having a first contact and a second contact, which upon the coming-into-abutment of at least one of the brake shoes against the brake discs adopt a characteristic switching state relative to one another.